

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE COAST GUARD OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE COAST GUARD OF
THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
FOR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP TO
COMBAT TRANSNATIONAL ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES AT SEA AND DEVELOP
REGIONAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE INDIAN COAST GUARD AND
THE SRI LANKA COAST GUARD**

The SRI LANKA COAST GUARD, of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the INDIAN COAST GUARD, of the Republic of India, hereinafter referred to singularly as the "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

Considering the requirement of combating transnational illegal activities at sea and developing regional co-operation between Indian Coast Guard and the Sri Lankan Coast Guard;

Deeply concerned that cross border crime at sea create a threat to the safety of marine transportation and endangers the safety of both countries;

Recognizing the need for the safety of lives at sea and the safety of marine transportation,

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

1. The Parties shall implement the provisions of this Memorandum within their territories according to the local laws and regulations within the scope of available facilities.
2. The Parties shall establish instant means of communication between them, including telephone, fax and e-mail in order to facilitate quick exchange of information and active cooperation around the clock.

3. The Parties shall cooperate together for maritime safety and to prevent crimes at sea, particularly on the following:-

(a) Suppressing and preventing maritime crime such as piracy, armed robbery, illegal trafficking in arms and drugs, smuggling, and illegal immigration, including the smuggling of people by sea.

(b) Exchange of information relating to ships and that includes accused persons who are involved in criminal activities within the scope of this Memorandum and travelling to or across the ports of both Parties.

(c) Carry out, if feasible, search and rescue operation at sea, within the capacity of each Party, based on a request from the other Party.

(d) Exchange of information relating to any pollution in the sea.

(e) Exchange of expertise within the scope of this Memorandum.

(f) Exchange of invitations between the Parties to attend training courses, workshops, seminars, conferences and programmes that are held by either Party within the scope of this Memorandum.

(g) Exchange of specialist visits at all levels from both Parties to promote the cooperation stated in this memorandum.

4. The Parties may enter into separate arrangements if necessary for the effective implementation of the paragraph 3 of this Article 1.

Article 2

The Parties confirm that all exchange of information by instant means of communication between them, including telephone, fax and e-mail are limited by the scope of the Article 1 of this Memorandum. The received Party (Side) is not allowed to redistribute the exchange of information to the third parties without permission of the provided Party (Side). When Parties would like to utilize that information as evidence for investigation in the criminal cases, it must be sought through the diplomatic channel.

Article 3

1. Each Party shall take urgent action to assist the ships and crew members of the other Party upon the request of the other Party for search and rescue operations. The requested Party shall notify the requesting Party of the action taken.
2. The Parties shall cooperate with each other to ensure possible assistance for the maintenance of the ships and provide support in emergency cases on the cost of the requesting Party in accordance to the laws and the legislations in force in both countries.
3. Each Party shall cooperate within the purview of its authorities with respect to the activities included in this Memorandum.

Article 4

1. In order to achieve the objectives of this Memorandum, the Parties shall hold an annual meeting at the apex levels of the two Coast Guard or as agreed upon between them, to discuss their mutual concerns and methods to counter maritime crimes that affect both countries and the meeting shall be held alternately in both countries.
2. The host Party shall be responsible for arranging and preparing the meeting and the visiting Party shall bear the visiting expenses and any other costs as agreed by the Parties.

Article 5

The Parties shall facilitate ship visits between the two countries, in order to encourage operational and administrative cooperation between them.

Article 6

This Memorandum does not prejudice the rights and the obligations of Parties arising from other bilateral or international treaties including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

Article 7

Any amendments to this Memorandum shall be in writing and with the mutual consent of the Parties and the amendments shall be valid in accordance to the provisions of Article 9 of this Memorandum.

Article 8

Any disputes arising out of the application or interpretation of the provisions of this Memorandum shall be settled amicably through consultations between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

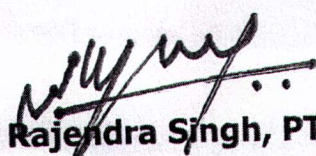
Article 9

This Memorandum shall come into force on the date of its signature. This Memorandum shall remain in force for a period of (5) five years and shall be automatically renewed for a similar period, unless either Party notifies the other, in writing, of its intention to terminate the Memorandum (6) six months prior to the intended date of termination.

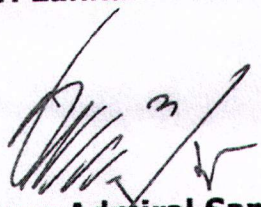
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this MoU

This Memorandum was signed in Colombo on 09 May 2018 corresponding to 09/05/2018 in two originals in Hindi, Sinhala and English, all texts being equally authentic, and in case of any discrepancy, the English text shall prevail.

**For and on behalf of the
Indian Coast Guard**


**DG Rajendra Singh, PTM, TM
Director General
Indian Coast Guard**

**For and on behalf of the
Sri Lankan Coast Guard**


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